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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



ACT LOCALLY – THINK NATIONALLY

This week the ALC CEO and I went to Darwin to attend a Decision Makers Dinner with Gerry McCarthy, Minister for Transport.

As in previous years and similar to events held around Australia, the Dinner was a great opportunity for the freight Transport & Logistics (T&L) industry to share views with the Minister and other industry attendees.

The primary purpose of the Decision Makers Dinners is to bring together senior industry leaders to discuss national and local issues, priorities and perspectives. The dinners focus on infrastructure planning, investment, and regulation, as well as the broader needs of our T&L supply chain.

While in Darwin we were fortunate enough to be briefed on and tour the ongoing development of the Darwin Port and the interface between other modes of transport in road, rail, sea and air freight.

This had some significant personal interest to me as I had been involved with the development of some Greenfield sites in Darwin with Toll

in the mid 90's. Sites considered remote in those times are now part of a developing intermodal freight hub.

We also had the opportunity to meet with a range of freight operators, all of whom had issues and objectives that were impacted on by national transport reform and the national infrastructure agenda. This reinforced to me the importance of making sure that transport & logistics regulations and infrastructure development at the local level, is considered when setting the national agenda.

ALC discussions with Government leaders and freight T&L operators has reinforced that while ALC is a national freight T&L organisation, it is important that ALC takes every opportunity to cement links with Governments, T&L operators and organisations at the local level. This is an issue on which I intend to give further consideration.

ALC has Dinners in Adelaide on 11 August, Brisbane on 9 September and Perth on 3 November. I hope to see you there.

Best wishes.

Don Telford
Chairman

ABOUT ALC

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) is the peak national body for Australia's Transport & Logistics (T&L) freight industry.

The aim of ALC is to influence government policy decisions to ensure that Australia has a safe, secure, reliable, sustainable and competitive T&L freight industry.

ALC UPDATE

ALC Update is a free newsletter emailed to all our members and stakeholders on the first Friday of each month. If you would like to **subscribe/unsubscribe**, please contact ALC. Know how we can improve ALC Update – we'd love to hear your feedback?

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CEO UPDATE

ELECTION 2010



2010 has been a busy political year, with a change of Prime Minister and an election called for 21 August.

The clearing of the decks for an election means that some things fall through the cracks.

For example, ALC got very excited when former Prime Minister Rudd announced in January that over 2010 COAG would lead the year of 'freight transport'. ALC was hoping for significant COAG led reform.

However, hospital reform and the federal election have meant no significant movement on this front.

Both parties appear to generally support the incremental reforms that are (slowly) leading to a situation where we take a national approach to the development of T&L infrastructure and nationally consistent regulations.

However, some leadership needs to be shown so that the process is accelerated.

ALC believes that the next government should commit to at least the following:

- » endorsement of the call by Infrastructure Australia Chairman Rod Eddington for a national approach to the planning and management of ports and freight movement, preferably through the development of a national agency to undertake the task;
- » the development of a National Partnership Agreement between the states and territories to ensure that land use decisions prioritise the efficient operation of nationally significant transport and logistics infrastructure;
- » the quick development of suitable criteria for the COAG Future Strategic Planning of Capital Cities to allow the COAG Reform Council and its advisory committee to determine whether planning authorities have adequately provided transport corridors, international gateways intermodal connections and reservation of appropriate lands to support future expansion;
- » an early decision on whether (or how) the reforms to transport funding and taxes proposed by the Henry Review on Taxation are to be implemented;

- » the development of processes to improve the transfer of information along the T&L supply chain, enabling the holistic management of the intermodal chain and thus efficiency;
- » the leadership to ensure that COAG finally develops a National Transport Strategy and
- » providing the emphasis to ensure the National Heavy Vehicle and Rail Safety Regulators commence on time, and to provide the leadership to oblige jurisdictions to adopt **identical and nationally consistent** laws to reduce duplication and compliance costs, all jurisdictions should be obliged to.

Endorsement of these policies will mean an efficient T&L sector and thus an efficient Australian economy. This will be the scorecard against which the sector will judge the next government.

Michael Kilgariff
Chief Executive Officer



INLAND AND HIGH SPEED RAIL ON TRACK

The Government and the Opposition have both committed to the Inland Rail Link from Brisbane to Melbourne through Central West New South Wales.

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Anthony Albanese, made the announcement at the Infrastructure Partnerships Australia conference in Melbourne. The commitment has since been matched by the Opposition.

Both Parties have also committed to a \$20 million feasibility and corridor study into the viability of an East Coast high speed rail network. The focus of the initial study will be on the corridor between Sydney and Newcastle.

While ALC recognises these projects need to stack up, the role of NSW as a freight corridor of national significance has been ignored in the past.

The Melbourne – Brisbane freight corridor, be it road or rail, has not

been considered a priority by NSW governments to fund, because the benefits are accrued nationally.

ALC has previously endorsed the call by Infrastructure Australia Chairman Rod Eddington for a national approach to the planning and management of ports and freight movement.

Nationally significant infrastructure should be judged on the importance of the infrastructure to the national economy and includes inland ports/ intermodal terminals and the national ports.

The Sydney - Newcastle link has also been identified as a massive freight bottle-neck because transport of people takes precedence over freight, acting as a national economic impediment.

ALC supports the development of a fast rail link, which would take people off the existing line and enable freight to move more efficiently.

Background on Inland Rail Link

The Inland rail link will be 1,700 kilometres long, and will involve upgrading 430 kilometres of existing track and laying 600 kilometres of new track.

The new line is expected to be:

- » Seven hours faster.
- » 170 km shorter than the current coastal rail route.
- » More reliable with better availability.
- » More competitive on transit time.
- » More competitive on freight door-to-door prices.

Pre-construction activities will start in late 2014.

The commitment follows the completion of the Inland Rail Study by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC).

After more than two years of intensive work and extensive community consultation, the Study concluded the project:

- » Has long term merit.
- » Would become economically viable as early as 2030.
- » Would deliver transit times of less than 22 hours, putting it on a competitive footing with road.

The Study puts the cost of building the Inland Rail Link at \$4.7 billion over eight years, including three years of pre-construction activities.

The full Inland Rail Study can be downloaded at:

www.artc.com.au.





AUSTRALIA POST LUNCH

ALC attended an Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce business lunch on 26 July with David Mortimer AO, Chairman & Ahmed Fahour, Managing Director & CEO, Australia Post.

In 2009, Australia Post celebrated 200 years as Australia's oldest, continually operating organisation - one of the top ten most valued brands in the country.

The discussion focussed on Australia Post's challenges as a federal Government Business Enterprise, faced with new competitors, the ascendancy of email, a national retail network, and offshore opportunities.

Ahmed Fahour will also be part of the CEO's panel at the ALC 2011 Forum on 21-22 February. See story on page 10 in ALC Update.



New Australia Post Chairman/CEO team of David Mortimer AO and Ahmed Fahour



L-R Peter L. O'Brien, Head - Asia Pacific Distribution & Services Industries' Practice Russell Reynolds Associates; Michael Kilgariff, CEO ALC; Mal Grimmond, Divisional Director, Toll Specialised & Domestic Freight.

Photos courteous Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS TRAINING UPDATE

TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS: ROAD AND WAREHOUSING

There are a number of units and qualifications available for comment:

- » Open road operator skill set
- » Road safety skill set
- » New and revised units of competency
- » Warehousing qualifications
- » Yard operations qualification
- » Green skills units of competency

[CLICK HERE](#) to view and comment on these units and qualifications.

If you have any queries regarding these projects please email John Gilbert, Transport & Logistics Training Package Specialist, john@tlisc.com.au.

TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS: LOGISTICS AND STEVEDORING

Information regarding the restructure of the Logistics qualifications and the development of new Deployment Logistics qualifications is now available for comment and feedback via the [TLISC website](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) to view information on the restructure and development of qualifications.

If you have any queries regarding these projects please email Kerrie-Anne McPhee, Transport & Logistics Training Package Specialist, kerrieanne@tlisc.com.au.

TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS: RAIL

Rail Infrastructure Technical Advisory Committees (TAC)

The Rail Infrastructure TAC has developed the following qualifications which will be included in the TLI Training Package in 2010.

The qualifications are:

- » [TLI3**10 Certificate III in Rail Infrastructure](#)
- » [TLI3**10 Certificate III in Rail Track Surfacing](#)
- » [TLI3**10 Certificate III in Rail Structures](#)
- » [TLI3**10 Certificate III in Mechanical Rail Signalling](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for full Rail update.

If you have any comments or questions please email Rae Fossard at rae@tlisc.com.au.



NTC WORKSHOP ON PBS

ALC attended a workshop at the National Transport Commission on 18 May 2010 to discuss the Draft Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) and Associated Documentation on Performance Based Standards (PBS).

The PBS scheme has been in operation under administrative arrangements within road authorities since October 2007. In July 2009, NTC delivered its review of the operation of the PBS. The review concluded that while PBS has had limited success in improving productivity for some operators, many industry members have been discouraged from participating in the scheme due to the uncertainty around obtaining the desired road network access. It was also concluded that Industry participation was restrained due to the limited flexibility and high cost of participation in the scheme.

In November 2009, the NTC released a draft RIS which sets out the desired improvements to the PBS following the previous review.

The 18 May 2010 NTC workshop involved government and industry stakeholders to discuss the draft RIS. The aim of the workshop was to facilitate a discussion and agreement on how to move the

PBS scheme forward to achieve the COAG objectives of continuous productivity gains and technological improvement.

ALC subsequently made a [Response to the Draft Regulatory Impact Statement and Associated Documentation on Performance Based Standards - 28 May 2010](#).

NTC has since released a report from the workshop (available to Members from ALC). The report indicates that the workshop highlighted strong support for implementation of Option 3 of the draft RIS. A number of key issues and opportunities were identified along with a number of potential solutions in which to commence addressing them.

While ALC has supported PBS, it has to be acknowledged that gaining approvals under PBS arrangements has been extremely difficult; a fact acknowledged at the workshop.

NTC has indicated they expect the Final RIS to be released in the last quarter of this year, in time for the final Australian Transport Council Meeting of 2010.

OUTLINE OF THE THREE OPTIONS

Option 1 (Status Quo) National (PRP) State and Local Councils

Option 2 (State Based) State and Local Councils

Option 3 (National) National (PRP) National (with agreement from state and local councils)

Further information on the PBS RIS can be accessed at www.ntc.gov.au/DocView.aspx?DocumentId=1943

FATIGUE REGULATIONS IN MODEL OHS REGULATIONS

The July ALC Update advised that ALC has written to Safe Work Australia, as well as jurisdictional OHS and transport regulators on the development of fatigue regulations in the Model OHS Regulations.

In July 2008, the Council of Australia Governments formally committed to the harmonisation of work health and safety laws. Each state and territory and the Commonwealth will be required to enact laws that reflect the model work health and safety laws by the end of 2011.

It is expected that all laws will commence on 1 January 2012. www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/swa/Model+Legislation/Background/

ALC members have expressed a concern on the extent to which the model Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act will conflict with the regulatory frameworks for rail safety and heavy vehicles.

ALC has advocated that:

- » Care should be taken not to duplicate or have conflicting regulations relating to OHS issues.
- » That where the Model OHS Bill and Regulations do cover issues that are obviously 'sector specific', that the rail safety and heavy vehicle regulations should apply.

ALC has been advised Safe Work Australia is currently developing fatigue regulations for the Model WHS Bill, to be publicly released in October 2010.



SHAPING MELBOURNE'S FREIGHT FUTURES



ALC attended the 21 July Workshop in Melbourne on the Victorian Government discussion paper: 'Shaping Melbourne's Freight Futures'.

A copy of the presentation at the workshop can be accessed from the ALC website. Presentation made by Victorian Government - [The Victorian Transport Plan](#) - Shaping Melbourne's Freight Future - 21 July 2010

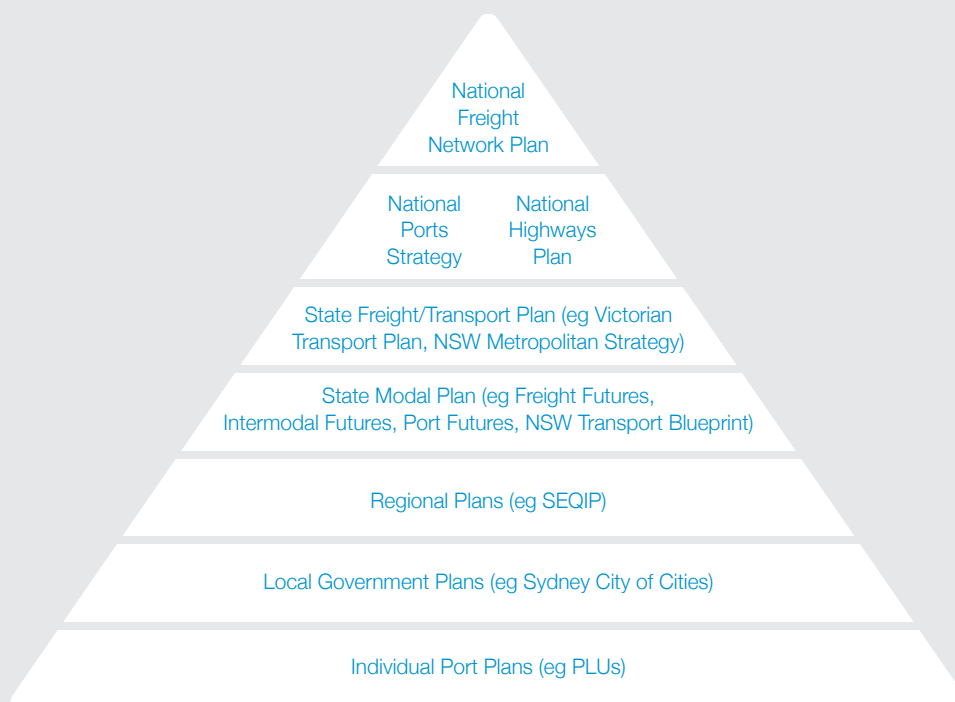
The discussion paper proposes a new intermodal approach to moving rapidly growing volumes of port-related freight around Melbourne.

Written submissions can be lodged until 30 September 2010. ALC will be making a submission.

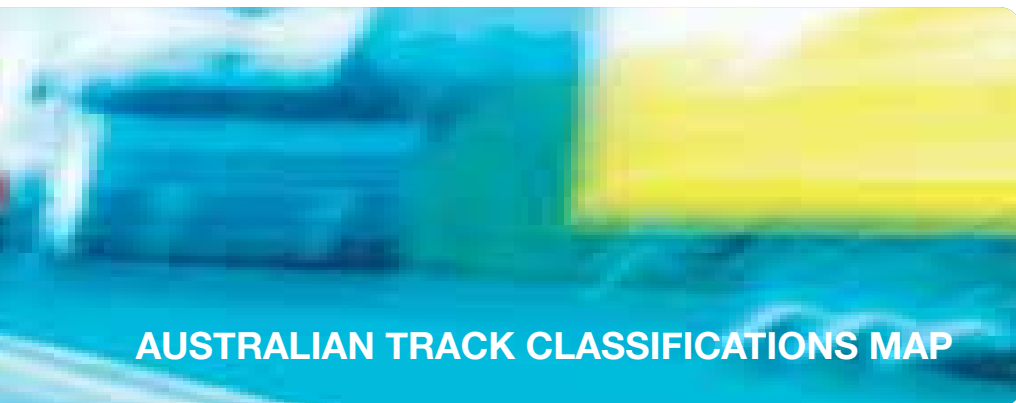
Further details can be found at [the Victorian Department of Transport website](#).

The ALC Submission to Infrastructure Australia and the National Transport Commission on the Proposed National Ports Strategy - May 2010 [Towards a Seamless Supply Chain](#) - reiterated our support for the Victorian strategy as being the benchmark for plans to be developed by all states and Territories.

TABLE 01 Envisaged hierarchy of the various documents



SOURCE: Asciano *National Freight Network Plan and National Ports Strategy* Submission to Infrastructure Australia March 2010.



AUSTRALIAN TRACK CLASSIFICATIONS MAP

An Australian Track Classifications map has been developed by the Australasian Railway Association.

The map identifies the location of Australia's freight rail track network and graphically represents the different classification of the track quality based on maximum loads at average speed.

This is a great milestone for the rail industry. It is the first time that one easily accessible source for identifying the location and operational classification of rail tracks has been created in Australia.

In a clear and concise way, this map will allow a detailed analysis of the rail network. This will show the areas of rail track that require substantial improvement to ensure an efficient integrated national rail network. The map will be a valuable decision making tool for industry and governments alike

To download the map, please visit the ARA's website at www.ara.net.au.



SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA

Issue 4 of The Safe Work Australia is now available to download.

This issue of Safe Work Australia's newsletter focuses on the business of safety:

- » progress on the model work health and safety (WHS) Regulations and model priority Codes of Practice
- » winners of the 5th Annual Safe Work Australia Awards, and
- » workplace eye injuries.

The newsletter is available from www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au

COAG ROAD REFORM PLAN

The Heavy Vehicle Pricing

Options: Development and Assessment Framework Discussion Paper has been released for public consultation.

The Discussion Paper has been developed as part of the COAG Road Reform Plan (CRRP) project and is available online through www.roadreform.gov.au/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?TabID=81&Command=Core_Download&EntryId=756&PortalId=0&TabId=81 or at www.ntc.gov.au/DocView.aspx?DocumentId=2009.

The COAG road reform plan (CRRP) project is investigating the feasibility of an alternative system of pricing for heavy vehicles in which charges better reflect cost drivers (such as mass, distance and location) and in which the revenues from these charges are better linked to road expenditure.

The discussion paper has been prepared by the National Transport Commission (NTC) as a contributor to the CRRP project, and outlines the alternative pricing models under consideration and the analytical approach that is being considered

for evaluating the high-level benefits available from the alternative pricing options. Submissions from industry, interested groups and individuals are therefore being sought. Consultation meetings will be held throughout August/September.

Submissions to the Discussion Paper will be accepted until 14 September 2010.

The discussion paper outlines the process for submissions.



ALC MEMBERS CAN NOMINATE FOR ALC POLICY COMMITTEES

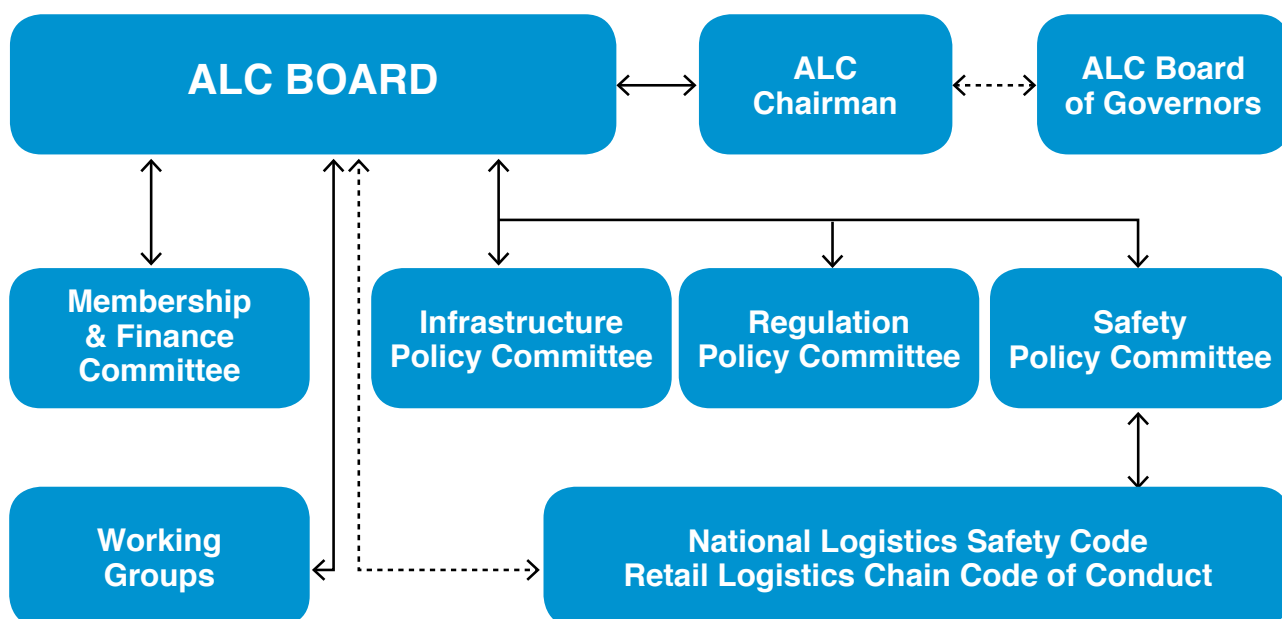
All ALC members are invited to nominate for the following policy committees:

Policy Committee	Issues
Infrastructure Policy Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » National Ports Strategy. » National Freight Network Plan. » National Transport Policy Framework. » Capital City Strategic T&L Systems. » Smarter Supply Chains – ICT in the T&L Industry.
Regulation Policy Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » CoAG and ATC national transport policy and regulatory reform agenda. » Competition Policy in the T&L sector. » Future Supply Chains 2020.
Safety Policy Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » National Logistics Safety Code. » Retail Logistics Supply Chain Code of Conduct.
Membership and Finance Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Review of monthly financial reports. » 2011 ALC Forum.



A copy of the ALC Terms of Reference for Committee and Working Groups is available on the ALC website at [Terms of Reference - ALC Committees & Working Groups - June 2010](#).

ALC 2010 Committee Structure





DINNER INVITATION

On behalf of the **Australian Logistics Council** you are invited to attend the South Australian Decision Makers Dinner 2010

With

The Hon Patrick Conlon MP
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure & Energy

on Wednesday **11th August 2010**
6.00pm to 9.30pm

PLACE

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18 LEIGH STREET, ADELAIDE, SA
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DINNER INVITATION

On behalf of the **Australian Logistics Council** you are invited to attend the Queensland Decision Makers Dinner 2010

With

The Hon Rachel Nolan MP
Minister for Transport

on Thursday **9th September 2010**
6.00pm to 9.30pm

PLACE

Clayton Utz
Level 28 Riparian Plaza, 71 Eagle St
Brisbane
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PRICE

MEMBERS \$110 (ex GST)
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Forum 2011

FREIGHT NETWORKS FOR THE FUTURE

**Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre,
Monday 21 February – Tuesday 22 February 2011**

The ALC Annual Forum is the ALC's premier annual event and will be one of the biggest gatherings of senior leaders of the T&L Industry in 2011.

The 2011 ALC Annual Forum will be held at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, Monday 21 February – Tuesday 22 February 2011. The theme is "Freight Networks for the Future".

The Forum will include a CEO's Plenary session on "Freight Networks for the Future". Key speakers confirmed so far include:

- » Paul Little, Managing Director – Toll Group.
- » Mike Mrdak, Chief Executive Officer – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.
- » Ahmed Fahour, Managing Director & CEO – Australia Post
- » Michal Byrne, Chief Executive Officer – Linfox Pty Ltd.
- » Mark Rowsthorn, Managing Director & CEO – Asciano Ltd
- » Lance Hockridge, Chief Executive Officer – QR Limited.

- » Don Telford, Chairman – Australian Logistics Council.

The 2011 ALC Forum will focus on Australia's freight task. The 2011 Forum will explore progress over 2010 as the year of freight transport and focus on what will need to happen in 2011, as well as provide an opportunity for the industry to showcase the latest technology, products and services.

ALC is particularly mindful of the commitment that sponsorship entails and has designed the sponsorship packages to provide a range of significant benefits and exposure, both in the conference promotional material and during the event itself.

The ALC Forum is organised by and for Australia's freight T&L industry; if you are involved, you need to be there.

For Sponsorship and Exhibition Opportunities [CLICK HERE](#)

or contact Natasha Diduk on P (02) 6260 4915 or Natasha.diduk@austlogistics.com.au.

ALC ACTIVITY

Press Releases

ALC Calls for National Partnership Agreement on Infrastructure of National Significance - 12 July 2010

ALC Welcomes Release of Infrastructure Australia's Updated National Priority List - 2 July 2010

ALC Decision Makers Dinners

- » **South Australia
Wednesday 11 August 2010**
- » **Queensland
Thursday 9 September
2010**

The DMD's bring together senior industry leaders to discuss national and local issues, priorities and perspectives. The dinner will focus on infrastructure planning, investment, and regulation, as well as the broader needs of our T&L supply chain.

The dinners are being sponsored by Telstra and supported by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (SA), Clayton Utz (QLD) and WestNet Rail (WA).

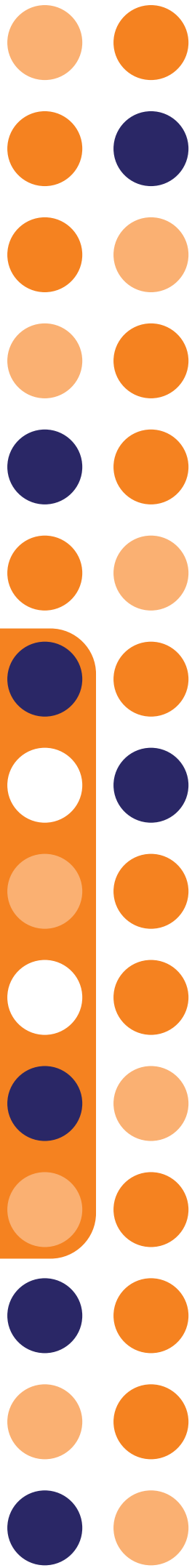
To encourage the roundtable format, numbers are strictly limited. Contact Natasha Diduk of ALC if you need further information.

ALC UPDATE ADVERTISING

ALC Update is distributed monthly to over 3000 high profile members of the Australian freight Transport & Logistics industry.

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